

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 41, 42, 46-49, 54, 56, 58, 59, 61, 75, 79, 82-86, 93, and 104 and add new Claims 107-147. Please cancel Claims 76, 77, and 100-102 without prejudice. A complete copy of the claims including marked-up versions of each claim which is amended in this Amendment appears below.

1. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

a one sheet of web material including comprising at least one fold located therein,  
at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located  
between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, weakness on opposite  
sides of said fold, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; fold; and  
a reclosable fastener structure including comprising two releasably engageable  
tracks each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; therefrom,  
said reclosable fastener structure being located in said fold;  
said skirt ~~structure~~ structures each including a distal margin;  
said distal ~~margin~~ margins of said skirt structures being respectively coupled to said web  
material ~~at, at least one location~~ at opposed locations respectively located between said  
areas of structural weakness and said opening;

14 said reclosable fastener structure extending at least in part past said areas of structural  
15 weakness and into said fold structure;  
16 said reclosable bag being capable of being filled with at least one food product through  
17 said opening.

1 2. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 1~~ as defined in Claim 1,  
2 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

Claims 3-5 (Cancelled).

1 6. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 1~~ as defined in Claim 1,  
2 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a  
3 parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

1 7. (Currently Amended) ~~The parent film material of claim 6~~ A reclosable bag as  
2 defined in Claim 6, wherein the areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent  
3 film.

1 8. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 1~~ as defined in Claim 1,  
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined  
3 dimension of said sheet of web material.

- 1 9. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 8~~ as defined in Claim 8,  
2 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

Claims 10-13 (Cancelled).

- 1 14. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 1~~ as defined in Claim 1,  
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of  
3 said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

- 1 16. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 1~~ as defined in Claim 1,  
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

Claim 17 (Cancelled).

- 1 18. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 1~~ as defined in Claim 1,  
2 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

- 1 19. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 18~~ as defined in Claim 18,  
2 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a  
3 tear path.

Claim 20 (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,  
said reclosable bag comprising:  
a one sheet of web material ~~including~~ comprising:  
a first area of structural weakness and a second area of structural weakness;  
~~said sheet of web material including~~ at least one fold structure located  
between and defined by said first and second areas of structural ~~weakness, and~~  
weakness;  
a fill opening;  
~~said sheet of web material including~~ a first panel coupled to said fold  
structure adjacent said first area of structural weakness; and  
a second panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said second area of  
structural weakness; and  
a reclosable fastener structure including a male track structure and a female track  
~~structure; structure,~~ said male track structure including a first fin structure of web  
material extending therefrom and said female track structure including a second fin  
structure of web material extending ~~therefrom;~~ therefrom, each said fin structure  
including a predetermined coupling ~~portion;~~ portion, said coupling portion of said first fin  
structure being coupled to said first panel and said coupling portion of said second fin

19 structure being coupled to said second ~~panel~~; panel; said reclosable fastener structure  
20 extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure;  
21 wherein said areas of structural weakness ~~being~~ are located below at least a substantial  
22 portion of said reclosable fastener structure;  
23 said reclosable bag being capable of being filled with at least one food product through  
24 said fill opening.

Claim 22 (Cancelled).

1 23. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 21~~ as defined in Claim 21,  
2 wherein said fill opening is located generally opposite said fold structure.

Claims 24-40 (Cancelled).

1 41. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,  
2 said reclosable bag comprising:  
3 a ~~one~~ sheet of web material having a propensity to tear along at least two  
4 predetermined tear areas; areas having ~~at least one~~ a fold structure located ~~between~~  
5 therebetween and ~~defined by said two tear areas~~, and an opening located generally  
6 opposite said fold structure;

7 a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material  
8 extending ~~therefrom~~; therefrom, said skirt structure including a distal ~~margin~~; margin,  
9 said distal margin being coupled to said web material ~~at~~, in at least one location between  
10 said two tear areas and said ~~opening~~; opening, said reclosable fastener structure extending  
11 at least in part past said two tear areas and into said fold structure;  
12 said reclosable bag being capable of being filled with at least one food product through  
13 said opening.

1 42. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 41~~ as defined in Claim 41,  
2 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

Claims 43-45 (Cancelled).

1 46. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 41~~ as defined in Claim 41,  
2 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a  
3 parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

1 47. (Currently Amended) ~~The parent film material of claim 46~~ A reclosable bag as  
2 defined in claim 46, wherein the tear areas are integral to said parent film.

1 48. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 41~~ as defined in Claim 41,  
2 wherein said tear areas extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of  
3 web material.

1 49. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 48~~ as defined in Claim 48,  
2 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

Claims 50-53 (Cancelled).

1 54. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 41~~ as defined in Claim 41,  
2 wherein said tear areas extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web  
3 material in a predetermined pattern.

Claim 55 (Cancelled).

1 56. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 41~~ as defined in Claim 41,  
2 wherein said tear areas comprise scoring.

Claim 57 (Cancelled).

1 58. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 41~~ as defined in Claim 41,  
2 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

59. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 58~~ as defined in Claim 58,  
wherein at least one layer of said multiple laminate film material includes said tear areas.

Claim 60 (Cancelled).

61. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,  
said reclosable bag comprising:  
a one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure located between at  
least two predetermined areas having a propensity to tear in a predetermined direction  
and presenting at least two sidewall structures on opposite sides of said predetermined  
areas from said fold structure, said sidewall structures having inside surfaces, ~~and said~~  
sheet of web material also having an opening located generally opposite said fold  
structure; and  
a reclosable fastener structure, located in said fold structure, ~~including~~ comprising  
two releasably engageable members each having a skirt structure comprising a web  
material extending therefrom and each including an opposed distal margin ~~structures;~~  
structure, wherein said web material of said integral skirt ~~structure being~~ structures are  
respectively sealed to said inside surfaces ~~at a plurality of predetermined sealing areas. of~~  
said sidewall structures;  
wherein at least said releasably engageable members of said fastener structure extend  
beyond said sidewall structures of said sheet of web material into said fold structure.



Claims 62-74 (Cancelled).

1 75. (Currently Amended) A pre-packaged cheese bag, said pre-packaged cheese bag  
2 comprising:

3 a one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure, two predetermined  
4 tear areas on opposite sides of said fold structure, and an opening located generally  
5 opposite said fold structure;

6 at least one a reclosable fastener structure including two releasably engageable  
7 fastener tracks each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom;  
8 therefrom, said skirt structures each including a distal margin; margin, said distal margins  
9 being respectively coupled to said web material at, at least one predetermined location;  
10 and locations on the sides of said predetermined tear areas opposite said fold structure;  
11 wherein said fastener tracks extend above said tear areas into said fold structure;  
12 said pre-packaged cheese bag being filled with at least one cheese.

Claims 76-78 (Cancelled).

1 79. (Currently Amended) The A pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 75 as defined in  
2 Claim 75, wherein said skirt web material is integral to said reclosable fastener structure.

Claims 80-81 (Cancelled).

1    82.    (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A pre-packaged cheese bag ~~of claim 75 as defined in~~  
2    Claim 75, wherein said web material of said pre-packaged bag is substantially comprised  
3    of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

1    83.    (Currently Amended) ~~The prepackaged~~ A pre-packaged cheese bag ~~of claim 75 as~~  
2    defined in Claim 75, further including at least two areas of structural weakness and  
3    wherein said fold structure is located between and defined by said two areas of structural  
4    weakness.

1    84.    (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A pre-packaged cheese bag ~~of claim 83 as defined in~~  
2    Claim 83, wherein said areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

1    85.    (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A pre-packaged cheese bag ~~of claim 83 as defined in~~  
2    Claim 83, wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a  
3    predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

1    86.    (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A pre-packaged cheese bag ~~of claim 85 as defined in~~  
2    Claim 85, wherein said predetermined dimension is width.

Claims 87-92 (Cancelled).

93. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A pre-packaged cheese bag ~~of claim 75 as defined in~~  
Claim 75, wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

Claims 94-103 (Cancelled).

104. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,  
said reclosable bag comprising:

a ~~one~~ sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness,  
said sheet of web material having at least one fold structure located between ~~and defined~~  
by said two areas of structural weakness, ~~and~~ said sheet of web material also having an  
opening;

a reclosable fastener structure having two releasably engageable fastener halves  
each including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending ~~therefrom~~; therefrom, said  
skirt structures each having a distal margin, wherein said distal margin of said skirt  
structure of one of said fastener halves is coupled to said web material between one of  
said areas of structural weakness and said opening, and wherein said distal margin of said  
skirt structure of the other of said fastener halves is coupled to said web material between  
the other of said areas of weakness and said opening;

~~said skirt structure including a distal margin;~~  
~~said distal margin being coupled to said web material such that said areas of structural~~  
~~weakness are located between said distal margin and said reclosable fastener structure;~~

17 wherein said fastener halves of said reclosable fastener structure ~~extending~~ extend past  
18 said areas of structural weakness into said fold structure;  
19 said reclosable bag being capable of being filled with at least one food product through  
20 said opening.

Claims 105-106 (Cancelled).

1 107. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 104, wherein said areas of structural  
2 weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being  
3 capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1 108. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 107, wherein at least a substantial  
2 portion of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the portions of said sheet of  
3 web material when said tear off portion has been removed therefrom.

1 109. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 107, wherein said fastener halves  
2 extend beyond the portions of said sheet of web material when said tear off portion has  
3 been removed therefrom.

1 110. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 1, wherein said areas of structural  
2 weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being  
3 capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1 111. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 110, wherein at least a substantial  
2 portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of said sheet of  
3 web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed  
4 therefrom.

1 112. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 110, wherein said releasably  
2 engageable tracks of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the portions of said  
3 sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed  
4 therefrom.

1 113. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 21, wherein said areas of structural  
2 weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being  
3 capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1 114. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 113, wherein at least a substantial  
2 portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of said sheet of  
3 web material from which said tear off portion may be removed.

1 115. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 113, wherein said male and female  
2 track structures of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the portions of said  
3 sheet of web material from which said tear off portion may be removed.

1 116. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 41, wherein said tear areas define a  
2 tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being capable of being  
3 removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1 117. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 116, wherein at least a substantial  
2 portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of said sheet of  
3 web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed  
4 therefrom.

1 118. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 116, wherein said releasably  
2 engageable tracks of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the portions of said  
3 sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed  
4 therefrom.

1 119. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 61, wherein said predetermined areas  
2 define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being capable of being  
3 removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1    120.    (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 119, wherein at least a substantial  
2    portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of said sheet of  
3    web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed  
4    therefrom.

1    121.    (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 119, wherein said releasably  
2    engageable tracks of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the portions of said  
3    sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed  
4    therefrom.

1    122.    (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said predetermined tear  
2    areas define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being capable of  
3    being removed by tearing along said predetermined tear areas.

1    123.    (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 122, wherein at least a substantial  
2    portion of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the portions of said sheet of  
3    web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed  
4    therefrom.

124. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 122, wherein said fastener tracks extend beyond the portions of said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed therefrom.

125. (New) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material defining:

a front panel having a top, a bottom, and sides; and

a rear panel having a top, a bottom, and sides, said tops and said sides of

said front and rear panels being coupled together, an opening being located

between said bottoms of said front and rear panels;

an area of structural weakness located in each of said front and rear panels below

said tops of said front and rear panels and extending between at least a substantial portion

of said sides of said front and rear panels; and

a reclosable fastener assembly comprising first and second interlockable fastener

tracks each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending downwardly

therefrom, said skirt structures each including a distal portion, said distal portion of said

skirt structure of said first fastener track being coupled to said front panel below said area

of structural weakness located in said front panel, said distal portion of said skirt structure

of said second fastener track being coupled to said rear panel below said area of structural

weakness located in said rear panel;



18 wherein a substantial portion of said first and second interlockable fastener tracks of said  
19 reclosable slider fastener extend above said areas of structural weakness, and wherein  
20 said reclosable bag is capable of being filled with at least one food product through said  
21 opening.

1 126. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said areas of structural  
2 weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being  
3 capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1 127. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 126, wherein at least a substantial  
2 portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of said sheet of  
3 web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed  
4 therefrom.

1 128. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 126, wherein said releasably  
2 engageable tracks of said reclosable fastener structure extend beyond the portions of said  
3 sheet of web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed  
4 therefrom.

1 129. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said front panel and said  
2 rear panel comprise a single segment of web material, a fold being located in said  
3 segment of web material intermediate said front panel and said rear panel.

1 130. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 129, wherein said fold is located  
2 intermediate said areas of structural weakness.

1 131. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said areas of structural  
2 weakness comprise a hermetic seal.

1 132. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein at least a substantial  
2 portion of said areas of structural weakness extend in a direction which is generally  
3 parallel to said first and second interlockable fastener tracks.

1 133. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said distal portions of  
2 said skirt structures of said first and second fastener tracks are releasably coupled to each,  
3 thereby forming a peelable hermetic seal.

1 134. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said areas of structural  
2 weakness are integral to said web material.

1 135. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said sheet of web  
2 material comprises a multiple laminate film.

1 136. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 135, wherein said multiple laminate  
2 film comprises at least one layer of material comprising said two areas of structural  
3 weakness.

1 137. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein areas of structural  
2 weakness comprise perforations.

1 138. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein areas of structural  
2 weakness comprise microperforations.

1 139. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein areas of structural  
2 weakness comprise scoring.

1 140. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, additionally comprising:  
2 at least one tear tape structure coupled to said web material and adjacent to at least  
3 one of said areas of structural weakness.

1 141. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, additionally comprising:  
2 notches in said sides of said front and rear panels which are located adjacent  
3 opposite ends of said areas of structural weakness.

1 142. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein opposite ends of said  
2 first and second fastener tracks are sealed together, thereby retaining said slider  
3 thereupon.

1 143. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 125, wherein said slider is moveable  
2 on said first and second fastener tracks between opposite ends of said first and second  
3 fastener tracks to selectively engage said tracks together and disengage said first and  
4 second fastener tracks, thereby respectively closing and opening said reclosable bag.

1 144. (New) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable  
2 bag comprising:  
3 at least one sheet of web material including at least one fold structure, two  
4 predetermined tear areas on opposite sides of said fold structure, and an opening located  
5 generally opposite said fold structure; and  
6 a reclosable fastener structure including two releasably engageable fastener tracks  
7 each having an integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom, said  
8 integral skirt structures each having a distal margin, wherein said distal margin of said

9 integral skirt structure of one of said fastener halves is coupled to said web material  
10 between one of said tear areas and said opening, and wherein said distal margin of said  
11 integral skirt structure of the other of said fastener halves is coupled to said web material  
12 between the other of said tear areas and said opening;  
13 wherein said fastener tracks extend above at least a substantial portion of said areas of  
14 structural weakness into said fold structure;  
15 wherein said areas of structural weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween,  
16 said tear off portion being capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of  
17 structural weakness; and  
18 wherein said reclosable bag is capable of being filled with at least one food product  
19 through said opening.

1 145. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 144, wherein said tear areas define a  
2 tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being capable of being  
3 removed by tearing along said tear areas.

1 146. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 145, wherein at least a substantial  
2 portion of said reclosable fastener structure extends beyond the portions of said sheet of  
3 web material opposite said opening when said tear off portion has been removed  
4 therefrom.

- 1 147. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 145, wherein said fastener tracks
- 2 extend beyond the portions of said sheet of web material opposite said opening when said
- 3 tear off portion has been removed therefrom.